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## INDIANA'S CROP RANKING

Indiana's national ranking in crop production during 2009 increased from 2008 for three crops. Corn production remained in its 5th position and soybean production remained in 4th place. Winter Wheat production moved up two places to 15th place, while commercial apple production increased three places to 19th. Fresh market Sweet Corn production also moved up three places to 14th.

Indiana crops that remained in the same positions were blueberries (10th), peppermint (4th), spearmint (5th), tomatoes for processing (2nd), and watermelon (6th). Several crops moved down in their rankings. Oats moved down one spot to 28th place while all hay dropped two places to 33rd. Fresh market cantaloup production moved dropped to 5th place.

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### INDIANA'S RANK IN CROP PRODUCTION AMONG STATES

Crop	Unit	Top Ranking States and Indiana					
		First		Second		Indiana	
		State	Production	State	Production	Rank	Production
			Thousand		Thousand		Thousand
Corn, Grain	Bu	Iowa	2,438,800	Illinois	2,065,000	5	933,660
Soybeans	Bu	Iowa	486,030	Illinois	430,100	4	266,560
Winter Wheat	Bu	Kansas	369,600	Colorado	98,000	15	30,150
Oats	Bu	Wisconsin	13,260	Minnesota	12,070	28	483
Hay, All	Ton	California	8,632	Texas	8,250	33	1,720
Apples, Commercial	Lb	Washington	5,500,000	New York	1,320,000	19	30,000
Blueberries	Lb	Michigan	99,000	New Jersey	53,000	10	3,700
Peppermint	Lb	Washington	1,931	Oregon	1,806	4	432
Spearmint	Lb	Washington	2,070	Oregon	266	5	86
Tomatoes for Processing	Ton	California	13,314	Indiana	321	2	321
Cantaloup, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	California	11,712	Arizona	5,010	5	462
Watermelon, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	8,179	California	6,944	6	2,627
Sweet Corn, Fresh Mkt	Cwt	Florida	6,681	California	4,482	14	421

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## NUMBER OF INDIANA FARMS UP 1 PERCENT

The number of Indiana farms in 2009 which had sales of agricultural products of \$1,000 or more totaled 61,500, up one percent from the revised number for the 2008 level. The number of operations with \$100,000 or more of sales, at 12,900 decreased three percent, mid-size farms, at 15,800, down one percent, and small farms at 32,800, increased three percent. Total land in farms, at 14.8 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The

average farm size at 241 acres per farm decreased two acres from the previous year.

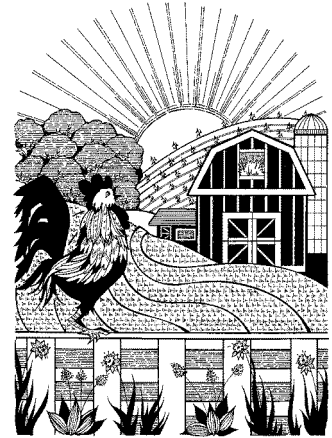
Nationally, the number of farms in the United States in 2009 is estimated at 2.2 million, virtually unchanged from 2008. Total land in farms, at 919.8 million acres, decreased 110 thousand acres from 2008. The average farm size is 418 acres, unchanged from the previous year.

**NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS  
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2000-2009 <sup>1/</sup>**

Year	Farms		Land in Farms		Average Size of Farm	
	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.	Indiana	U.S.
	<u>Thousands</u>		<u>Thousand Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>	
2000	63.4	2,166.8	15,200	945,080	240	436
2001	62.1	2,148.6	15,100	942,070	243	438
2002	60.3	2,135.4	15,100	940,300	250	440
2003	59.5	2,126.9	15,000	936,750	252	440
2004	59.3	2,113.0	14,900	932,260	251	441
2005	59.0	2,098.7	14,900	927,940	253	442
2006	59.0	2,088.8	14,900	925,790	253	443
2007 <sup>2/</sup>	61.0	2,205.0	14,800	921,460	243	418
2008 <sup>2/</sup>	61.0	2,200.1	14,800	919,910	243	418
2009	61.5	2,200.0	14,800	919,800	241	418

<sup>1/</sup> Beginning in 1997, farm numbers are for the entire year.

<sup>2/</sup> Revised.



## INDIANA WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT

Wool production in Indiana was 240,000 pounds, down 4 percent. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 40,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier. The average fleece weight was 6.0 pounds. The total value of shorn wool was \$55,000, 22 percent above last year's total of \$45,000. Wool averaged 23 cents per pound in 2009.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$0.79 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 25 percent from 32.5 million dollars in 2008.

**WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE  
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES, 2008-2009**

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Sheep Shorn (1,000 Head)	40.0	40.0	100	4,434.0	4,197.0	95
Live Weight Per Fleece (Lbs.)	6.3	6.0	95	7.4	7.4	100
Wool Production (1,000 Lbs.)	250	240	96	32,963	30,862	94
Price Per Pound	.18	.23	128	.99	.79	80
Value (1,000 Dollars) <sup>1/</sup>	45	55	122	32,486	24,387	75

<sup>1/</sup> Production multiplied by marketing year average price for individual States, U.S. value is summation of State values.

## 2009 APPLE PRODUCTION UP, WHILE BLUEBERRY PRODUCTION IS DOWN

Indiana's commercial apple production totaled 30.0 million pounds during 2009, up 30 percent from the 2008 level of 23.0 million pounds. The 2009 average price per pound decreased 5.6 cents from the previous year to 32.2 cents.

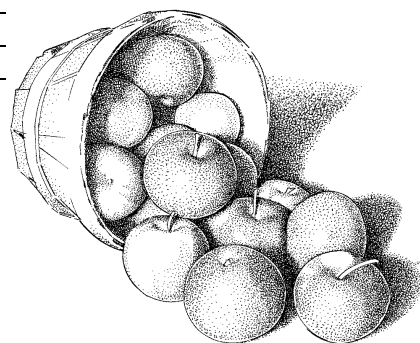
Blueberry production totaled 3.7 million pounds compared to 3.8 million pounds in 2008. The average price for all blueberries was \$1.51 per pound, 2.0 cents below the average price received during 2008.

United States utilized apple production for 2009 is estimated at 9.74 billion pounds, slightly up from 2008. Utilized production in Washington decreased 3 percent to 5.50 billion pounds from 2008. New York's utilized production increased 6 percent from 2008, and Michigan's utilized

production increased 86 percent from 2008. Washington reported overall production that was lower than last year due to hot weather in late July and early August affecting the crop. Growers were concerned about sunburned fruit resulting from a two week period of extremely high temperatures. The major varieties showed the largest production decline due to the high volume produced last year. Light blooms, scattered frost and hail damage were also reported by some producers. New York's apple growers experienced a better growing season than last year. Despite a dry September, the Michigan apple yield will set a record high. Most of the Southeast and Midwest apple crop States have recovered from the 2007 frost, with yields and production amounts going above historic levels.

**ACRES FOR HARVEST, YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
INDIANA AND UNITED STATES: 2008 – 2009**

State	Apples			Blueberries		
	2008	2009	09/08	2008	2009	09/08
	Million Pounds		%	Million Pounds		%
California	360.0	290.0	81	--	--	
Illinois	46.2	46.0	100	--	--	
<b>INDIANA</b>	23.0	30.0	130	3.8	3.7	97
Michigan	590.0	1,200.0	203	110.0	99.0	90
New York	1,250.0	1,320.0	106	2.5	2.4	96
Ohio	104.0	111.1	107	--	--	
Washington	5,650.0	5,500.0	97	32.0	36.0	113
U.S.	9,609.3	9,953.6	104	348.9	364.1	104



## MAJOR AGRICULTURAL SURVEY

Approximately 2,600 Indiana farm operators will be contacted for the USDA's March Agricultural survey.

This major survey will be conducted during the first half of March by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The information gathered will be used to make state and national estimates of crop intentions, grain in storage, and hog and pig inventories.

This survey is important in making accurate crop and livestock estimates, which provide a basis for an orderly marketing system. An orderly marketing system is essential to all involved in agriculture.

The March Agricultural Survey is one of the most important of the many surveys conducted each year by the Indiana Field Office of USDA-NASS. Other Agricultural Surveys are scheduled for June, September and December. The approximately 70,000 farms expected to participate nationally in the March survey are selected from over two million farms nationwide using statistical sampling procedures. Facts about an individual's farm or ranch are strictly confidential and used only in combination with reports from other farmers to produce agricultural statistics for Indiana and the nation.

## INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

Indiana's milk production totaled 283 million pounds during January 2010, unchanged from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 169,000 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 14.8 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from production in these same States in January 2009.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for January, 30 pounds above January 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 4,000 head more than December 2009, but 191,000 head less than January 2009.

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, JANUARY 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
<b>INDIANA</b>	167	169	1,695	1,675	283	283	100
Illinois	102	101	1,610	1,615	164	163	99
Iowa	215	215	1,700	1,735	366	373	102
Michigan	354	353	1,865	1,915	660	676	102
Minnesota	468	470	1,620	1,670	758	785	104
Ohio	277	272	1,550	1,600	429	435	101
Wisconsin	1,255	1,260	1,645	1,715	2,064	2,161	105
23 State Total	8,506	8,315	1,752	1,782	14,902	14,817	99

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



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